

Wednesday, February 1, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1863–S1968

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 308–331, and S. Res. 75 and 76. **Page S1920**

Measures Passed:

National Women and Girls in Sports Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 37, designating February 2, 1995, and February 1, 1996, as “National Women and Girls in Sports Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1919–20**

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 1, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. **Pages S1880–S1919**

Senate will resume consideration of the resolution on Thursday, February 2.

Measures Referred: **Page S1920**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S1920–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1961–62**

Authority for Committees: **Page S1962**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1962–68**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 5:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 2, 1995. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s RECORD on page S1968.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—CFTC

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 178, authorizing

funds for fiscal years 1995 through 2000 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

FEDERAL ENTITLEMENTS

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine issues relative to restructuring the Federal budget process, focusing on baseline projections for Federal entitlements, including health and farm programs, receiving testimony from Paul Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Affairs, Congressional Budget Office; Kevin B. Piper, Wisconsin Bureau of Health Care Financing, Madison; Bruce Gardner, University of Maryland, College Park; and Marilyn Moon, Urban Institute, Washington, DC.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment, S. 244, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1996–2000 for the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget to strengthen the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 by having Federal agencies become more responsible and accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 104th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Roth (Chairman), Stevens, Cohen, Thompson, Cochran, Grassley, McCain, Smith, Nunn, Glenn, Levin, Pryor, Lieberman, Akaka, and Dorgan.

Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service: Senators Stevens (Chairman), Cochran, McCain, Smith, Pryor, Akaka, and Dorgan.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia: Senators Cohen (Chairman), Thompson, Cochran, Grassley, McCain, Levin, Pryor, Lieberman, and Akaka.

CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights approved for full committee consideration, with amendments, S.J. Res. 21, proposing a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee met and adopted its rules of procedure for the 104th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, February 8.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-five public bills, H.R. 766–790; and two resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21 and H. Res. 56, were introduced. **Pages H1050–51**

Report Filed: One Report was filed as follows: H. Res. 55, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2, to give the President item veto authority over appropriation Acts and targeted tax benefits in revenue Acts (H. Rept. 104–15). **Page H1012**

Unfunded Mandate Reform: By a recorded vote of 360 ayes to 74 noes, Roll No. 83, the House passed H.R. 5, to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments, to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations, and to provide information on the cost of Federal mandates in the private sector.

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Rejected the Collins of Illinois motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. **Page H1006**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H1006**

Rejected:

The Sanders amendment that sought to require the Congressional Budget Office [CBO] to prepare a health care impact statement which would provide an estimate of the health care costs that would result if the particular mandate is not enacted or enforced; and a quantitative assessment of mandate benefits including benefits to human health, welfare, and the environment (rejected by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 80); **Page H986**

The Doggett amendment that sought to provide that the bill would cease to be effective on January 3, 2000, and would then require congressional reau-

thorization in order for its provisions to remain in effect (rejected by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 81); and **Pages H991–92**

The Moran amendment, in the nature of the substitute, that sought to insert the text of H.R. 1295, Fiscal Accountability and Intergovernmental Reform Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 82). **Page H1001**

The following amendments were offered but subsequently withdrawn:

The Mineta amendment that sought to clarify the definition that a “Federal intergovernmental mandate” does not include any provision that preempts State, local, or tribal governments from engaging in economic regulation; and ensure that legislation deregulating various industries would not be subject to points of order; and **Page H982**

The Volkmer amendment that sought to provide that legislation establishing conditions for receipts of Federal assistance, or duties arising from participation in the voluntary program, would be considered as imposing a Federal intergovernmental mandate. **Page H988**

Subsequently, S. 1, a similar Senate-passed measure, was passed, after being amended to contain the language of the House bill as passed. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill. **Page H1012**

House then insisted on its amendments to S. 1 and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Clinger, Dreier, Portman, Davis, Condit, Collins of Illinois, Towns, and Moakley. **Page H1012**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate bill, to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering, and cross-referencing and the insertion of appropriate headings. **Page H1012**